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Security Council

10:00	7611th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Central African Republic	
	Letter dated 21 December 2015 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2196 (2015) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/936)	
Morning[1]	7612th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Middle East	
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/60)	
Morning[2]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Middle East (Syria) (S/2016/60)	
	Other matters	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7611th meeting.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 7612th meeting.

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General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General on the Human Rights Up Front Initiative, *today*, 27 January 2016, at 16:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level*.

Security Council

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

15:00 to 16:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
	1. Progress update of the Group of Experts	
	2. Other matters	

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities

16:30 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
	1. Monitoring Team's travel and outreach	
	2. Presentation by the Ombudsperson	
	3. Other matters	

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

15:00 to 18:00	375th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 2
	Provisional agenda	
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. Election of officers	
	3. Draft programme of work for 2016 (A/AC.183/2016/L.2)	

4. Report on the International Conference on the Question of Jerusalem and the United Nations Civil Society Forum on the Question of Palestine, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 14 and 15 December and on 16 December 2015, respectively
5. United Nations Round Table on Legal Aspects of the Question of Palestine, to be held in Amman, Jordan, from 15 to 17 March 2016 (Working Paper No. 1)
6. Other matters

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Accountability
2. Progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system

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Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

10:00 to 13:00 5th meeting Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2016/R.2, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.17, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.18, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.19, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.20, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.21, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.22, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.23, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.24, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.25, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.26, E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.27 and E/C.2/2016/R.3) [item 3 (b)]

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2016/CRP.3) [item 3 (a)]

15:00 to 18:00 6th meeting Conference Room 1

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2016/CRP.3) [item 3 (a)]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session of 2016

10:00 to 13:00	6th meeting [webcast]	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	UNFPA segment	
	1. Statement by the Executive Director	
	2. Country programmes and related matters [item 4]	
	Presentation and approval of country programme documents	
	Extensions of country programmes	
15:00 to 17:30	7th meeting [webcast]	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Country programmes and related matters [item 4]	
17:30 to 18:00	Informal consultations	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Informal consultations on draft decisions	

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, *today*, 27 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2, on "Planning, including transitions; triangular cooperation; and conduct and discipline".

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development", under item 2 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Luz Andujar (Dominican Republic), will take place *today*, 27 January 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 27 January 2016

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

17:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Wednesday, 27 January 2016

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust on the theme "The Holocaust and human dignity" (27 January) (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Department of Information)

Holocaust memorial ceremony (hosted by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, with the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in the General Assembly Hall. [webcast]

[All are invited. For more information please, contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, DPI (e-mail buckleya@un.org); to register, please *click here*.]

Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 27 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process]

13:15 Press conference on the 2016 Investor Summit on Climate Risk [*Speakers:* Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Mr. Thomas DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller; Mr. Michael Liebreich, Founder and Chair of the Advisory Board, Bloomberg New Energy Finance; and Mr. Philippe Desfossés, CEO, French Public Service Additional Pension Scheme (ERAFP)]

Announcement

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the President of the General Assembly, on Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing on the global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and presented to the United Nations Statistical Commission during its forty-seventh session in March 2016.

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 December 2015 and 14 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information on the work of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Draft resolution

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place in June 2016.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Friday, 29 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2, on "Strengthening for complex peacekeeping operations: SSR, DDR and mine action; and medical standards and capabilities".

2016 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2016 substantive session from Tuesday, 16 February, to Friday, 11 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/).

Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart

PaperSmart will be offered as an additional service for the 2016 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal in all official languages.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (16-17 February) will open on 1 February. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 275th meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; Room S-3632). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public.

Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5).

Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2016 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 25 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at the meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2016/L.1 and A/AC.109/2016/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3266; Room S-3062; with copy to Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org; Room S-3055; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2016.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 February 2016; from Monday, 15 February, to Friday, 4 March; and from Monday, 14, to Friday, 18 March, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be plenary meetings (closed) of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 February 2016, and from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 March, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Youth Forum (1-2 February 2016)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth taking action to implement the 2030 Agenda" on Monday, 1, and Tuesday, 2 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the secretariat *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretariat of their prospective participation in the Forum (e-mail simonp@un.org, with a copy to leonc@un.org) *no later than noon today, 27 January 2016*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Marc-André Dorel (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204); or Mr. Paul Simon (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting, to be held from Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); or by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place on Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1*. For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I of document E/CN.5/2016/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practices, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice.

In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail.

These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold informal consultations on the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017, on Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Briefings

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold briefings, as follows:

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11: on the midterm review of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017; and

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5: on UNCDF: last-mile finance solutions: from innovation to scale.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 7.

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust on the theme "The Holocaust and human dignity" (27 January) (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Department of Information)

Briefing on "The future of Holocaust education" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, in partnership with the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, DPI)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact DPI (Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); or Ms. Kimberly Mann, Education Outreach Section (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835)); to register, please *click here*.]

Screening of the film "Woman in Gold" and discussion (with the participation of the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information and the Director of the film) (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 18:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, DPI (e-mail buckleya@un.org); to register, please *click here*.]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*.]

Event entitled "Human rights and the Security Council – an evolving role" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and Germany and the Security Council Report)

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katharina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-s2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0440).]

Technical briefing to provide an update on the preparations towards the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in Quito, Ecuador (17-20 October 2016) (organized by Habitat III secretariat)

Friday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Fatoumata Diarra, Habitat III secretariat (e-mail diarra1@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-2947).]

Briefing on the new report "World Employment Social Outlook – Trends 2016" (organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO Office (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).]

Special event on the theme "Interfaith Harmony: Implementing the transformative Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals" (on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (General Assembly resolution 65/5)) (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Committee of Religious NGOs)

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, UNAOC (e-mail mezouih@un.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217); or Ms. Deborah Moldow (e-mail deborah@worldpeace.org; tel. 1 (914) 707-0009); to register, please *click here*.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, will hold its second session on Wednesday, 10, and Thursday, 11 February 2016. The first meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 10 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

The session will be preceded by informal meetings on Tuesday, 9 February, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room XVIII.

The agenda is contained in document A/AC.285/1. The calendar and programme of work, background information on the Working Group and relevant documents are available by *clicking here*.

Announcements

Invitation to participate in the 2015 St. Jerome Translation Contest

All United Nations delegates and staff members *are invited* to take part in the Eleventh Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), and launched last September. The *deadline is Sunday, 31 January 2016*. For more information, please *click here;* or visit the Contest website by *clicking here*.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and Spanish)

Law Library overview

General Assembly documentation

Security Council documentation

Treaty research

Finding speeches

Voting information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 26 January 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7610th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Maldives, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited His Excellency Ioannis Vrailas, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and His Excellency Rodolfo Reyes Rodríguez, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to participate in the meeting, in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Secretary-General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the President, His Excellency Rodolfo Nin Novoa, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay; His Excellency Mankeur Ndiaye, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad of Senegal; Her Excellency Samantha Power, Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of President Obama's Cabinet; His Excellency Manuel Domingos Augusto, Secretary of State for External Relations of Angola; and Her Excellency Olena Zerkal, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; and by the representatives of Egypt, the United Kingdom, Malaysia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, France, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, China, Japan and Spain.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Bert Koenders, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Brazil, Kazakhstan and India.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Ioannis Vrailas.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Indonesia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), South Africa, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Kuwait (speaking on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Carlos Foradori, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Qatar, Norway, Turkey and Maldives.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Rodolfo Reyes Rodríguez.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Jordan and Haiti.

The representatives of Israel and Malaysia made further statements.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

3rd meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Greece, South Africa, Cuba, China and the Russian Federation.

The Secretary of the Committee and the Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 35 non-governmental organizations.

4th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of India, South Africa, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, Nicaragua, China, Azerbaijan and Mauritania, as well as by the observer for Singapore.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The representatives of Greece, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, the Sudan, Cuba and the United States posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights Association; Zaka Rescue and Recovery; and We Care for Humanity.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 31 non-governmental organizations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Minamata Convention on Mercury. Kumamoto, 10 October 2013

Ratification: Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (26 January 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

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Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

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Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

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United Nations Treaty Collection
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CEDAW/C/62/D/53/2013	Communication No. 53/2013 — Views adopted by the Committee at its sixty-second session (26 October-20 November 2015) [A C E F R S] — *16 pages*
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S/RES/2261 (2016)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 7609th meeting, on 25 January 2016 [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

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	2016 session
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Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room S-1238).

The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings,* and *19:00 for the summaries.* The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least *two days in advance*.

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